The LLNL Simulation Environment

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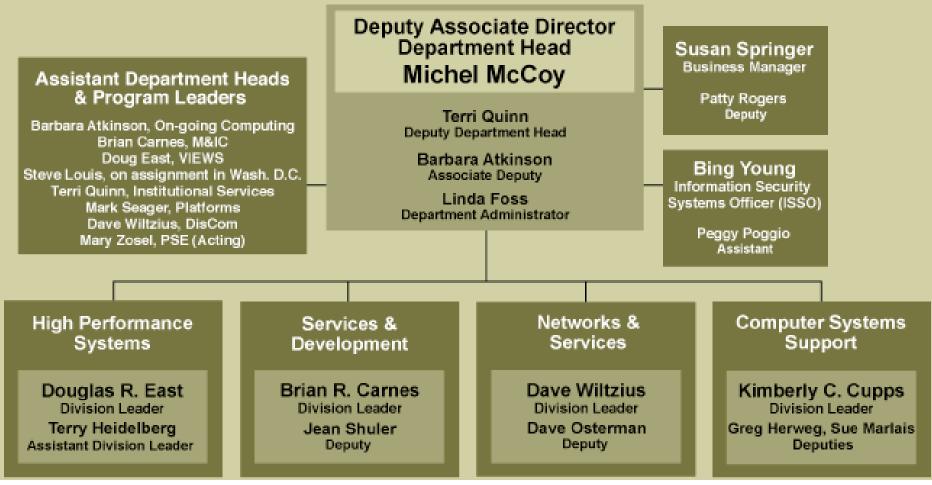


Overview

- The LLNL code development environment for the BlueGene/L simulator
 - General Livermore Computing (LC) user support structure
 - LC compute resources for running the BlueGene/L simulator
 - BGL simulator status at LLNL
 - Compute environment issues- compilers, libraries, debugging
 - Available support for BlueGene/L simulator and apps development
 - Access and availability for alliance partners and LLNL teams



ICCD Organizational Structure



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Customer Services and Support Group is the first contact point for users lc-hotline@llnl.gov 925-422-4532



- Hotline Call Centers
- Information dissemination
- Education and training
- Problem reporting, tracking, and resolution
- Customer outreach
- 24x7 customer support



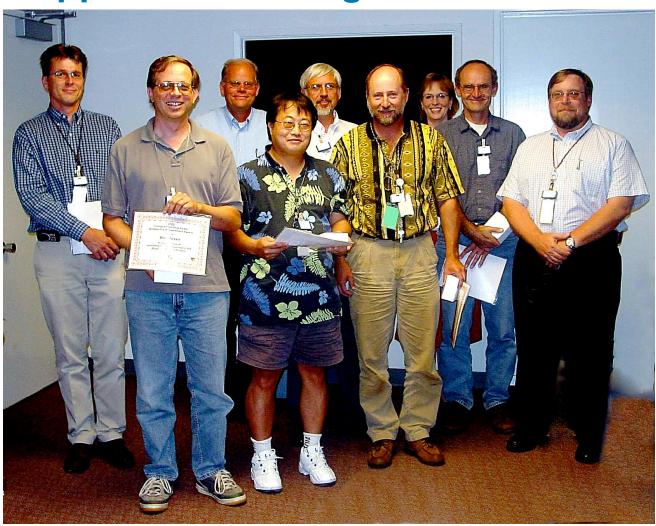
CSSG staff members at work in LC's Hotline

CSSG leverages the expertise of other ICCD groups to enhance the breadth of customer support

Operations • Development Environment • Information Management and Graphics
High Performance Computing • Distributed Computing • Storage • CASC • Network

BGL and BGLsim expertise at LLNL currently resides in CAR/CASC. ICCD support will leverage this resource.





Pictured are selected members of the LLNL Computation-Directorate BlueGene/L team (left to right):

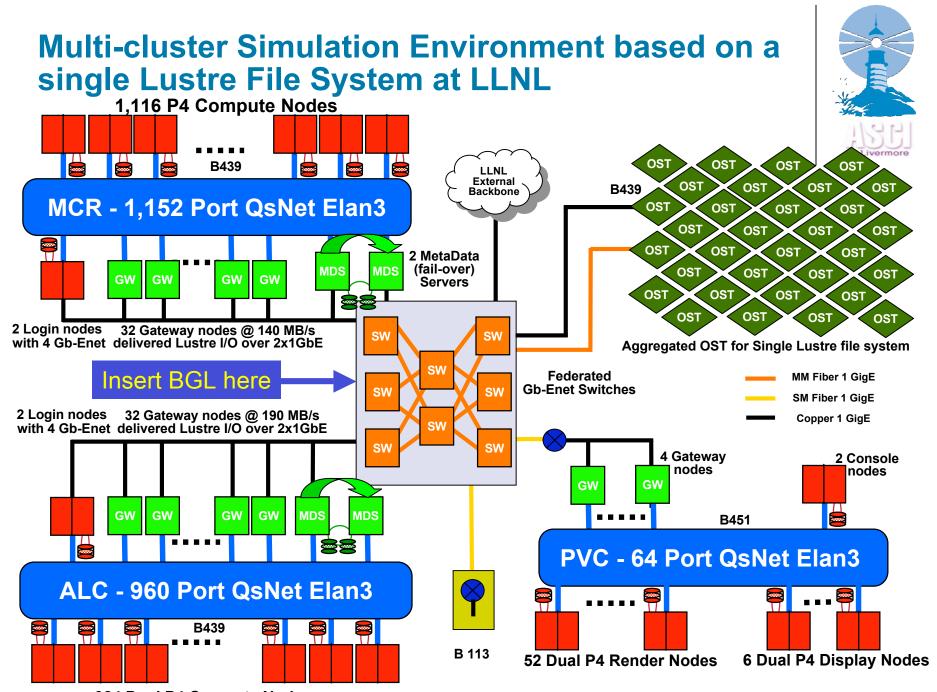
Francois Gygi, Don Dossa, Mark Seager, Andy Yoo, Kim Yates, Bruce Curtis, Dona Crawford, Tim Pierce, Lynn Kissel

Not pictured:

Bronis de Supinski, Jeff Vetter, Bor Chan, Scott Banachowski

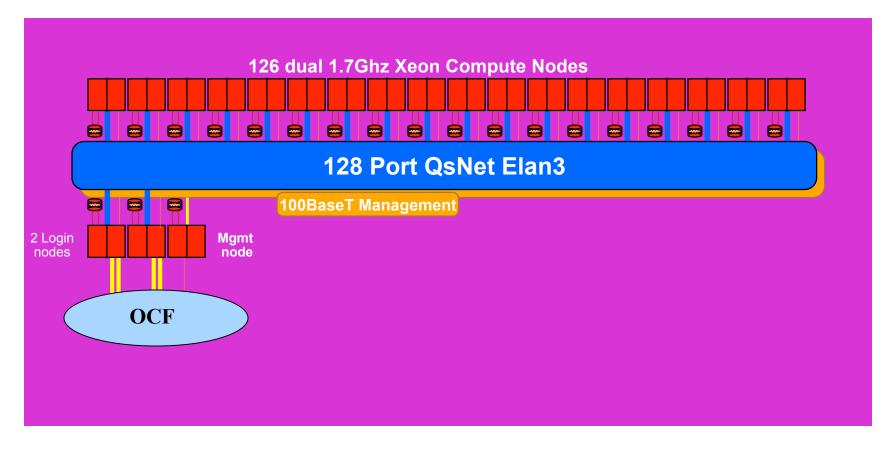
First-wave applications:

Andy Cook, Bill Cabot, Francois Gygi, Jack Reaugh, Jeff Greenough, Rob Neely, Wei Cai



BGLdev (or bigdev) is intended for BlueGene/L applications development. Expected availability in mid-November.





The BlueGene/L simulator is installed and functional on ALC



- BG/L Sim has been ported to the LLNL IA32/Quadrics systems, and is installed on ALC
- Modifications were made to enable over MPICH, some legacies apparent such as SIMBOOT_MACHINES
- /BlueLight/floor directory contains cross compilers
- /BlueLight/IInl_2003-09-23 has the BG/L runtime and examples
- The simulator mounts /bgl file system
- Notes and examples of usage will be posted to the BG/L web site- <www.llnl.gov/asci/platforms/bluegenel>



BG/L sim code development environment

- Currently, only Gnu compilers are available on ALC.
- No support for double hummer in the Gnu compiler.
- Gnu Fortran is generally recognized as inadequate.
- IBM XL compilers are expected to be made available on site- can be accessed at IBM ihost site.
- Debugging? See Totalview talk at 2:30. Printf is the current status.
- Common apps libraries need to be identified and made available: Silo, LEOS, Hypre, ESSL,...

First-wave applications identified- ~.5 FTE support allocated per team for BG/L dev



- GP, first-principles molecular dynamics, Francois Gygi
- DD3d, dislocation dynamics, Wai Cai, Tim Pierce
- ALE3D, high-explosives modeling, Jack Reaugh, Rob Neely
- Miranda, turbulence, Andy Cook, Bill Cabot
- Raptor, computational fluid dynamics, Jeff Greenough
- Additional personnel have been identified for BG/L support.

ALC access is highly contentious with competing demands for resources



- Lustre file system testing for multinodes
- Lustre IGS file system testing
- New Lustre version release testing
- CFS additional Lustre work requires FN access, creating issues for export controlled codes.
- ASCI Alliances expect a significant time allocation
- LLNL ASCI users expect access
- BG/L file system scaling effort
- BG/L simulation effort



Brian Carnes' proposal for ALC allocation

- Split the machine in two most of the time, with dedicated full machine runs (DAT) available by request
- Lustre related efforts would have 480 nodes and 52 TB /p/ga2 file system
- BGL Simulation and ASCI Apps efforts will share 480 nodes and 21 TB /p/ga1 file system
- DAT requests handled in Thursday meeting for 4pm Friday to 8am Monday session.
- Extended week-long DAT available when warranted.
- ALC accounts to be requested through normal LC-support forms, and approved by Carnes or other LC management.
- Will be available after file system reconfiguration, ~ 2 weeks.



BGLdev will be needed too!

- BGLdev will be configured so as to permit access for sensitive codes.
- No root access for foreign nationals.
- BGLdev will help with simulator access during DAT or peak demand times.
- BGLdev accounts will be requested through LCsupport, with approval by appropriate LC/Comp management.

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Summary

- BlueGene/L Simulator is available at LLNL
 - Currently installed on ALC
 - A dedicated 'BGLdev' cluster is in the works
- ICCD/Livermore Computing and CAR/CASC will support the applications development teams
 - 2 FTE's are allocated for helping apps teams
 - LC support infrastructure in place for ALC and BGLdev